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In re: Davies et al.

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Examiner: Ramin Akhavan

For: *NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDER RELATED GENE*

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 12, 2003, set forth therein, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-17 and 34-36 "drawn to a method of treating neurodegenerative a disorder, including preventing, delaying or inhibiting nervous system degeneration, using PKC $\gamma$  type I", with traverse, for substantive examination.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement as to Groups II - VII. It is respectfully submitted that a search of these claims would overlap with a search of Group I, hence grouping these claims together would not present an undue burden to the Patent Office.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the examination and allowance of the pending claims.

No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220. If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefore.

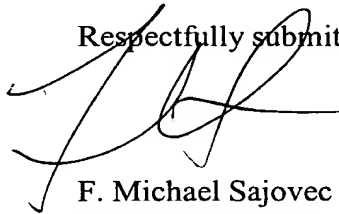
It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

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### REMARKS

This Response is being made to clarify the completeness of the above-referenced application. If the Examiner has any questions, s/he is asked to contact the undersigned attorney of record at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,



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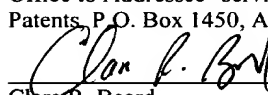
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